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REPORT

Subject (in full) P.H. Rumberg (Estonian).

Made by D.S. Moore. *Forwarded by* D.S. Moore.

Before the Great War, the above named individual resided in Vladivostock where he was employed as a piano tuner. Following the outbreak of the revolution in Russia he came to Shanghai. After the cessation of the Great War hostilities, Estonian nationals ceased to be Russian subjects and complications immediately ensued concerning the issue of passports and visas. Rumberg was then requested by members of the local Estonian community, amongst whom are numbered many of the mercantile marine fraternity, to take over the supervision and issue of the necessary identity documents. This he did, but has on occasions since then, expressed the desire to hand over the reins of his honorary office to another of his nationals, but has always been persuaded to continue.

Estonia has no agreement with China and Rumberg's authority is confined to the issue of documents of identity and to act as advisor to his nationals.

He is President of the Shanghai Estonian Community and Chairman of the Estonian Benevolent Society, to which positions he was elected by popular vote amongst the local Estonians, amongst whom he is well liked.

Rumberg resides with his wife in the house of his father-in-law, Mr. W.J. Kerr, S.M.C. Superintendant of Parks and Open Spaces, at No.9 Singapore Road. This address, according to an article which appeared in the "Slovo" of April 15, 1932, is the residence of the Estonian Consul. Rumberg is employed as a pianist at the Palace Hotel where he enjoys a good reputation.

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S2, Please show this report to Mr. A. E. Kong, Secretary (the Service Council) and request him to regard the matter as strictly confidential.
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